

TIENSIN.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

TIENSIN, 10th October, 1883.

Things generally are in a bad state at present; North as well as here. The Hwang Ho has run riot to an unusual extent this year, carrying destruction and desolation in its path. Other rivers in China have followed suit, creating widespread misery and suffering among all classes. The Mandarins are at their wits' end to meet the call made upon them by these accumulated misfortunes, and are further seriously embarrassed by the quarrel with France. The Canton riots likewise add to the difficulties of the situation, and altogether the coming winter is looked forward to with grave concern, and if judgment is of any value the Chinese authorities appear to have great reason for their anxiety.

Sir George Bowen has, I see, been "galavanting" about the country, and I hope and doubt not that he has enjoyed himself. The important questions which were supposed to be the cause of His Excellency's visit to the north, and which were evidently not capable of settlement in Shanghai, where he met Sir Harry Parkes, do not appear to have occupied much of his valuable time, or else they were found more facile of arrangement than was at first supposed.

The Logan affair is reflecting injuriously on the Foreign Customs. Sir Robert Hart in true-Chinese fashion "shuts the stable door after the horse has been stolen." In a circular letter to all the Customs branches throughout the country, the autocrat of Peking scatters blame in every direction, taking care, of course, that none is attributable to himself as the Imperial head and holder of the Customs vermilion pencil. A wholesale clearance to other ports of the Customs officials at Canton is considered judicious, I understand, until the disagreeable reminiscences connected with the affair blow over.

The Full (Governor) of Kwangtung is to be removed, and replaced by a more energetic mandarin in the shape of the Governor of Kwangsi, who is a native of Li Hung-chang's province, Angwhi.

ON POKER.

A man who can sit in his pew in church when the collection plate is being passed, with his eyes riveted on the ceiling and seeming to be engrossed in silent prayer, while his fingers, are in his pockets squeezing a nickel till his finger-nails are bloodshot, has mistaken his calling. Such a man should rope in suckers to play poker. The most successful poker player we ever knew was a truly good man who acted as usher in a church. He could disgust his feelings so you couldn't tell whether he had a "sequence" or a pair of deuces. He would draw to a pair of queens and get two more and then he would throw down his hand in disgust, but finally, as he thought it over, he would say that he guessed he would simply chip; no he wouldn't lose his blind, and somebody would bet \$10 to raise him out, and he would see and come back with a roll and scare the man out of his boots.

He was very successful, but finally they brought charges against him for heresy and he went West with his savings, and now owns a large bonanza farm in Dakota.

Poker is being played so largely in society that a man must be very careful how he sits into a game. Not long ago a gentleman, who had played some years ago, was at a card party at the home of a friend and he was invited to sit in with a couple of dukes and a couple of duchesses, and, being an old bachelor, he thought he might show them that, though he was no duke, he could play poker. The first hand he got three tens, and a girl drew one card and bet \$1. He raised her \$1, thinking she might have two pair, when she came back at him with a \$10 bet, and he laid down his three tens believing she had ill. As she raked in the money she laid down her hand and it was a bobtail flush. The bachelor said she played that bobtail flush as though she had fours and there was not a movement of a muscle of her face, though she breathed hard and there was a scallop cloak gleam in her eye that paralyzed him. On the other hand she looked as though she had lost every friend she had and seemed to be sick with ennui and her white face, as she simply put up a chip, seemed to be pleading with him to please not bet high, as she was a poor orphan, but he bet \$10, just to show her that he knew his business, and to get his money back. Instead of laying down her hand she languidly drew down \$20 and said she would raise him \$20, just to keep up the interest, and thinking of her bobtail flush that she had bluffed him on before, he put up the money and she threw down four jacks, as innocent as a baby, and he had only a nine-spot and she, as she raked in the money, laughed so sweetly that the bachelor said he didn't care for the money. The game of draw-poker is fashionable, and it is dangerous unless a man knows enough to cut the cards.—*Philadelphia Times*.

A MARVEL IN MARKSMANSHIP.

There is in town at the present time a party who has an interesting and eventful history. The person is Charles Wallace, who was born in Cholochoho, Mo., in 1843, and from his boyhood until the breaking out of the Rebellion was engaged in hunting and trapping. When the call came for soldiers he responded, enlisting in the Fourth Missouri regiment, and served throughout the Rebellion. He was in Andersonville, Libby, Belle Isle and Florence prisons. At the first-named he was sentenced to be shot on July 17, 1863. The night preceding the day on which he was to meet his death he, with seven others, managed to escape. They managed in the darkness to get close to the guard, when a companion named Bob Allen, of Connecticut, threw a preparation of fine, dry tobacco into the guard's face.

At the conclusion of his war experience Wallace went on the plains as a scout, carrying with him in his body nine bullets, seven of which can be distinctly felt. During a fight with a party of Apache Indians he had a personal encounter with one of the chiefs of the tribe, named Osceone. The fight was hand to hand, and meant death to one or both. Wallace received a dagger thrust through the palm of his left hand and was also held by the throat. He then drew his revolver with his right hand, and, twisting off his free arm across his back, shot the chief dead. The knife with which he was stabbed was combined with a revolver, having in the handle a scorpion-knife, dagger and shooting gun. In the handle was a chamber for poison, which to make the work of the instrument still more dangerous. As members of this party, the scout carries with him the miniature arsenal described and the scalp of Osceone.

The wonderful marksmanship of Charles Wallace is the talk of the town, and in his exploits in this direction he is ably seconded by his wife, Mrs. Wallace will at a distance of 15 feet hold a ten-cent piece between her lips, and her bullet will knock it out of her mouth every time without harm. This is regarded as the most difficult shot ever made, and it has been done here several times since their advent in town. A common task is placed on a white surface point toward him, and Mr. Wallace will drive a bullet on the task point nine times out of ten. He will stand 100 yards away, hold a ten cent piece between his fingers, which he will shoot out with a revolver.—*Marble Cor., Boston Globe*.

THE CHINESE HEAVEN.

THE ONLY DIRECT ROAD THERETO RUNS THROUGH THE CHINESE EMPIRE.

"In this country," said Mr. Wong Foo, editor of the *Chinese American*, to a reporter the other day, "the Chinamen of each province live by themselves and take care of their dead. There is a Chinese plot in Greenwood and another at Belleville, N. J. I see that several bodies have been removed from the latter place and prepared for shipment to China. Even in the grave the dead of each province lie by themselves."

"Are all the Chinamen who die among barbarians ultimately taken home?"

"Most of them, not quite all," replied the editor, glancing over the proof of a slashing leader on the spiritual effect of amputating queues. "There are about five thousand Chinamen in New York. Forty of them return to China every month, and of the number perhaps one-third come back. If any one going back to the old country has dead friends here he takes them along. I do not believe that more than five per cent of the Chinamen who die in the United States are permanently buried here. Friendless Celestials are left here, and no one cares whether they go to heaven or not."

"Cannot one of your race get into Paradise unless his bones rest in Chinese soil?"

"No, sir; Chinamen believe that the only road to heaven lies through their country."

"But if a good, virtuous Chinaman who has kept his pigtail and his conscience intact dies in a strange land, will he be excluded from heaven because he is poor and friendless?"

"That's the doctrine," said Mr. Wong.

"According to Christians, no man can be saved except through a certain belief, no matter how good he is; according to Chinamen, there is no salvation outside of China. One belief is about as rational as the other."

"When you dug up the remains of your countrymen do you have any services at the grave?"

"We burn a little incense-paper, maybe, and take a drink, just as Americans do on all occasions."

"What does the drink signify?"

"It's what you would call a toast. We drink peace to the soul of the departed, and a prosperous journey to the body. We use any liquor that comes handy. Sometimes tea, or whisky, or, in extreme cases, water."

"How are the bodies prepared for shipment?"

"They are embalmed if they are fresh enough; if not, the meat is scraped off and the bones only are carried away."—*New York World*.

NOVELTIES IN DRESS.

The season of *villagieture* is distinctively that in which novelties in dress arise. Good taste requires of a woman of refinement that during her residence in city or town her costume shall be free from salient eccentricities. She reserves for seaside resorts, spas, and autumnal fairs those daring innovations which may be seen in all their exaggeration at Trouville, Deauville, Dieppe, and at the more frequented of our own watering-places. Some of these *modes du moment*, as they may be called, permanently influence the fashions of the day. Others "live but the life of a rose," fade away, and disappear. Those which remain can hardly be said to illustrate the survival of the fittest; since it but too frequently happens that those novelties which harmonize with the doctrines of common sense are the very ones that are rejected and allowed to die in their cradles, as it were. A lady of high rank not long ago appeared at her seaside chateau in a costume which was cool, easy, comfortable, and pervaded by that floating grace with which the Irish poet imbued the garments of his Nora Crozier. Her daughters, too, were clad in costumes which favoured more than a little of the girls of the flower-beds of their own coasts.

The Redfern blouse bodice may be reckoned among recent novelties in dress. It does not fit tightly at the waist, but admits of that entire freedom of gesture and movement which is necessary to the expert tennis-player or to the girl who wishes to excel in rowing or sculling. The looseness is not sufficient to produce any appearance of untidiness, and is, indeed, scarcely apparent when the wearer of the blouse bodice is in full exercise. Among materials for autumn wear, the only novelty yet introduced that deserves especial note is the soft cloth barred with stripes of chenille in colours. One of these, on a dark green ground, shows the stripes in *sang-de-boeuf* red; on another, with a ground of navy blue, they appear in bronze or sage. This hails from Paris, *Antre* of which city it may be mentioned that a London modiste has been entrusted with the order for the trousseau connected with a brilliant wedding which is to take place in the *cl-d'etat* citadel of millinery. Those who still doubt that England is taking the lead in many matters of the toilet must agree that the occurrence in question is one of those significant straws that show the way the wind blows.—*Daily News*.

bible test of equanimity. She who possesses her soul in patience when her twenty yards of velvet and brocade are sent home to her from the dressmakers, made up into a gown she cannot wear, embodying mistakes that cannot be rectified, must be endowed with valuable qualities, whether by nature or education.

The alternative of having to pay a long bill to the culprit or being summoned by her is not soothing to the mind. The irritating result which may be conceived of by a literary man whose ideas have been put to flight by the sudden onslaught of a barrel organ, and who then discovers that his wife has sent out a hand-some gratuity to the perpetrator of the mischief.

Such a man can readily understand that the annoyance, if repeated, leads the sufferer to seek a remedy. In the case of misfits, the recent discovery places one at hand in the shape of a system which needs but little study, and is yet satisfactory in result. The measurements taken of the person to be fitted serve as a basis for further calculations. These are assisted by a series of ready reckoners, as the figures in question may be termed, which make the whole process as easy to be worked out as a sum in the rule of three. Given certain fundamental measurements, even of the worst-proportioned forms, the rest are at sight deducible by reference to the card on which the ready-worked-out calculations appear. The scientific dress-cutting system applies to every garment that can be worn, whether tight or loose, and it would be difficult to exaggerate the importance of the discovery to those who appreciate the comfort of well-fitting bodices and gracefully hanging skirts. It also promises us a certain immunity from the vulgar elaboration and ostentatious overrunning which have been but too glaringly apparent of late in women's dress. Frequently a trimming is used but not means of concealing a radical defect in cut or fit. Its obvious irrelevance in many cases may thus be accounted for; but two wrongs can never make a right, and the reproach of irrelevance cannot be removed by pleading the error which was its primary cause. The essentials of a good fit are perfect freedom combined with absolute neatness and an observance of the requirements of the prevailing mode. How seldom the average dressmaker succeeds in carrying out these conditions is best known to his customers, and is evidenced by the increased pertinacity shown by women of late for garments that are tailor-made. Tailors cut by a regular mathematical system. The Scientific Dress-cutting Association supplies an equally trustworthy system, with the addition that all the calculations are carried out, results obtained, and placed ready to the hand of the cutter-out.

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Hongkong, 10th October, 1883.

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PROGRAMME.

1.—Fantasie Varied. by Piano by Signor A. CATTANEO.

2.—Paganini. Grand Concerto on the Xylophon by Signor CRISPINI.

3.—H. F. Farmer. Concerto for Violin, "Hope told a flatter Ing Tale" by Signor CRISPINI.

4.—Verdi. Grand Fantasie "Trovarola" executed on the Vertophon by Signor CRISPINI.

2ND PART.

1.—Piano Solo Rigolotto by Signor A. CATTANEO.

2.—Thalberg. Grand Fantasy "Home Sweet Home" varied; "Home Sweet Home" executed on the Xylophon by Signor CRISPINI.

3.—Rubenstein. "Moscow" Romance for Violin on the G. String by Signor CRISPINI.

4.—Verdi. "Traviata" executed on the Vertophon by Signor CRISPINI.

5.—Crispi. Grand Galopp da Concert "The tour around the World" on the Xylophon by Signor CRISPINI.

PIANIST, SIGNOR CATTANEO.

Hongkong, 26th September, 1883.

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The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1883.

As will be seen by the article we reproduced the other evening, our excellent friend the late autocrat of the "East Point Mansion," Mr. W. Keswick, has been sitting for his portrait in *Vanity Fair*. If our readers will refer to the views we expressed with regard to the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company when that noteworthy philanthropic enterprise was brought forth after such great effort and amidst such general acclamation, they will find that these views have been generally endorsed by the high authority quoted above. Of course we did not venture to tackle the all-powerful representatives of the "princely house" in the unmerciful fashion our London contemporary appears determined to do, as, although perfectly fearless in dealing with all matters where the public interests are concerned, we had no special desire to have our eminent Colonial Q.C., the late hon. T. C. Hayllar, snarling at our heels and badgering us for an ample apology or threatening us with an action-at-law for daring to comment independently on the affairs of the great mercantile autocracy of the Far East. However, we shall look forward with interest to Part II of "Other Peoples Money" and "The Indo-Chinese Steam Navigation Company, Limited," promised by *Vanity Fair*, as we are inclined to believe that it will afford much food for reflection and offer fresh proofs of the instability of human affairs—particularly in Hongkong.

Our most estimable and respected Governor, Sir George Bowen, has lately been "fossicking" about in the Indo-China Co.'s steamers under the experienced tutelage of Mr. F. Bulkeley Johnson. How far this is consistent with the dignity of His Excellency's high position is hardly worth discussing here, but it should, perhaps, cause great satisfaction to the shareholders and tend to restore confidence in the future of the Company, for if there is a colonial official who has the reputation for giving expression on every available opportunity to high flown sentiments, it is Governor Bowen. Fortunately the British public are only now beginning to discern the gaudy nature of our worthy Governor's utterances, so that anything Sir George has to say on the subject of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company will be looked forward to with the keenest concern by an anxious and interested public.

This extract is a garbled version of the famous biographical "puff" of Herr Bandmann in "Men of the Time"—the "puff" which the great tragedian was forced to practically admit, under cross-examination in the witness box in the Hongkong Supreme Court, he had written himself, and for the publication of which, we know, he had to pay as for an ordinary advertisement. The guiding genius of our evening contemporary is evidently unaware that this so-called independent and original *Bulletin* history of Bandmann was published by the local paper *last year*, and that it has done duty in almost every town the great actor has visited for years past. The sketch in the *Sydney Bulletin* of September 15th, which is now before us, is an ordinary cartoon representing Daniel in "his great impersonation of Rip Van Winkle." For this cartoon and the accompanying biographical sketch, which Bandmann supplied, the eminent one had to pay according to the paper's usual scale of charges. Bandmann's wonderful performances in his youthful days in "Adam and Eve," when he filled up the dialogue with flashes of lightning through a tin pipe when God called upon Cain for his brother Abel," and his miraculous feat in acquiring the English language in six weeks time sufficiently to enable him to play Shylock, are left out of the sketch, so we presume the *Bulletin* wanted an extra charge for inflicting such a trial on its readers, which induced the eminent one to pursue his usual policy of miserly economy.

It seems a great pity our Sydney contemporary did not publish "Dragic Bower" as a sequel to the "Men of the Time" version. However, the *Bulletin* is not like the *China Mail*. Herr Bandmann desired to have himself cartooned and the threadbare and lying "puff" once more trotted out, and as he was willing to pay for these privileges, as a pure matter of business the Sydney *Bulletin* gratified the tragedian's modest ambition. But on the same page which contains "the striking

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

EMILE OLLIVIER, in his recent pamphlet on the Church and State, takes strong ground against compulsory education.

For stealing a piece of canvas from H.M.'s Naval Yard, Ho Akwai, a coolie, was provided with a month's board and lodging by Captain Thorneycroft this morning.

In Portugal a "seventh son" is looked upon by the common folks with horror, because it is supposed that he assumes the likeness of an ass on Saturdays.

We are credibly informed that Admiral Piercy Crosby, in command of the United States Navy fleet in China waters will go home very shortly, his relief, whose name we have not yet been able to learn, being now en route to China.

THE revised figures for marriages in Paris during 1882 are as follows: Between young men and young women, 17,579; young men and widows, 1,206; widowers and young women, 1,710; widows and widowers, 904. The number of divorces is given at twelve.

MEXICO has recently contracted for 2,000,000 trees to be planted in the valley of Mexico, within the next four years from March 4th, 1884. Willows, poplars, eucalyptus, cypress, locusts and other species, are to be placed in plantations of from 50,000 to 100,000 each, the contractor to maintain them two years after planting.

We would remind our readers that Signor Umberto Crispini will give a grand vocal and instrumental concert in the St. Andrew's Hall, City Hall, this evening, commencing at 9 o'clock. Signor Crispini has a great reputation as a musical artiste, gained in many parts of the world, and we hope he will receive a hearty welcome this evening from our music loving community.

WE read that Russian Consul Nicholas Ladyginski, stationed in China and now in San Francisco en route for that country, says that China will not fight, for she has nothing to gain, and the trouble will all blow over. Ten years ago, when there was the same trouble concerning Tongkin, nothing came of it. "China likes to howl and rave but she will not fight." Between China and Russia, the Consul says, there is secret distrust on both sides but there is no danger of war. China is afraid of Russia more than all the rest of Europe, and the Chinese army is nothing but a mob; besides this, the secret organizations of China, which are very powerful, are opposed to the policy of the Government.

MR. KELLER, the world renowned magician, goes over to Manila by the *Emeralda* this afternoon for a short season in the Philippines. We understand that this talented entertainer will return here in about a month's time, when he will give two or three performances previous to departing for fresh fields. In addition to his regular exhibition of magic and automata, Mr. Keller's performance will be augmented by the appearance of Mr. Frederick Colling, the celebrated cornet player, whose cornet solos have won for him hearty applause in every quarter of the globe. We trust Mr. Keller will have a good time in Manila, and feel sure that he will be well received on his return to Hongkong.

We hear from a reliable authority in Canton that the Chinese Government is again in the market for a small foreign loan. Full particulars of the same have been supplied to us, but as one of our local banking institutions is said to have offered to put the business through at a certain rate of interest, and as our publication of the details might interfere with their operations in the matter, we refrain from publishing any particulars at present, contenting ourselves with giving the institution in question a bit of friendly advice—although we must confess we are out of favor with its popular managing head. That advice is to accept the situation and slightly reduce their rate of interest, if they actually desire to secure the business.

A GOOD story is told of Judge Kent, the well-known American jurist. A man was indicted for burglary, and the evidence on the trial showed that his burglary consisted in cutting a hole through a tent in which several persons were sleeping, and then projecting his head and arm through the hole and abstracting various articles of value. It was claimed by his counsel that, inasmuch as he never actually entered into the tent with his whole body, he had not committed the offence charged, and must therefore be discharged. Judge Kent, in reply to this plea, told the jury that, if they were not satisfied that the whole man was involved in the crime, they might bring in a verdict of guilty against so much of him as was thus involved. The jury, after a brief consultation, found the right arm, the right shoulder, and the head of the prisoner guilty of the offence of burglary. The Judge sentenced the right arm, the right shoulder, and head to imprisonment with hard labour in the state prison for two years, remarking that, as to the rest of the man's body, he might do with it what he pleased.

WE stated in our issue of Monday last that we had heard that Messrs. Kellar and Cunard, the Royal Illusionists, had dissolved partnership. We have since learned that such is the case. Mr. Cunard and Colonel Ike Austin have joined together for an extended tour of the Australasian colonies. We have no doubt that Messrs. Cunard and Austin will have a very successful tour in the southern hemisphere as the Colonel's performance is of a highly exciting and unique character, and Mr. Cunard's business capacity is of such an order as to almost ensure a decided success. Old "Ike" and his new "partner" leave tomorrow by the steamer *Maple*, and we have great pleasure in wishing them a pleasant trip and much success. We recently had some rough experiences of showmen when the Mastodon Minstrels gave us a turn, and it therefore gives us all the more pleasure to be able to say the good word for gentlemen of the Cunard and Ike Austin type, who are a credit to the profession to which they belong, and as far removed from the rag-tag and bob-tail peripatetic of the Bandmann type as heaven is from—Gehenna.

TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, October 17th, 1883.

SURRENDER OF CETEWAYO.

Cetewayo has voluntarily surrendered to the British Resident and has arrived in Natal territory.

The *China Mail* is nothing if not amusing—in its comical ignorance. In its issue of Monday evening we find an extract from the *Sydney Bulletin*, which we are told deals with "a sketch of Herr Bandmann in his impersonation of Rip Van Winkle."

FROM a recent investigation into the mortality referable to alcohol, conducted by a committee of the Narveian Society, it appears that the rate in London is fourteen per cent of the total number of deaths in the adult population. About twice as many occur among men as among women.

THE *Californian* publishes the following Sunday-school address, delivered in that State with the view of inculcating moderation and kindness on the part of the strong towards the weak: "You ought to be kind to your little sisters. I once knew a bad boy who struck his little sister a blow over the eye. Although she didn't fade and die in the early summer time, when the June roses were blowing, with sweet words of forgiveness on her pallid lips, she up and hit him on the head with a rolling-pin, so that he couldn't go to Sunday-school for more than a month, on account of not being able to put his best hat on."

A LINE of railroad will soon be constructed in England that will cost \$3,000,000 a mile. The course of the road is probably the most valuable on earth—the metropolis of London, extending from Paddington, the terminus of the Great Western Railway, to the docks of the city, via the Regent's Canal.

AS a sanitary measure the Paris health authorities have been testing, on limited scale, the pneumatic system for rapidly exhausting sewers of their contents. The success of the plan has led to such remarkable results in causing, in certain localities, a decline in the number of cases of typhoid fever, that it will soon be further tested on an extensive scale.

AT the beginning of the present century a trick was played on a learned antiquary by a student who pretended to have found on the heights of Montmartre, an ancient stone bearing the inscription—CE STI CI LEC HEM IND ESEN ES. Many members of the Academie des Inscriptions were said to have been caught by it. The more they cudgelled their brains, the further they wandered from the interpretation thereof. Whereas, the letters read straight on would have told them that *C'est ici le chemin des anes*—"This is the road for donkeys."

WE read that Russian Consul Nicholas Ladyginski, stationed in China and now in San Francisco en route for that country, says that China will not fight, for she has nothing to gain, and the trouble will all blow over. Ten years ago, when there was the same trouble concerning Tongkin, nothing came of it. "China likes to howl and rave but she will not fight."

Between China and Russia, the Consul says, there is secret distrust on both sides but there is no danger of war. China is afraid of Russia more than all the rest of Europe, and the Chinese army is nothing but a mob; besides this, the secret organizations of China, which are very powerful, are opposed to the policy of the Government.

THE BOSS bun-struggle of the year, says a Sydney contemporary, was held some days ago, at St. Andrew's schoolroom, Pitt-street. The *price de resistance* was 250 Chinese converts who sang hymns in their native tongue, and had the sermon interpreted to them by Mr. Soo Hoo Ten. It was the music and the tea, they appeared to enjoy most. This is scarcely to be wondered at, considering their acquaintance with "thorough bass" and with that mysterious compound—which goes by the name of "tea" at muffin-worries and hash-houses. How quickly these ingenious people fall into our ways. Why, it was only the other day that one of them in Broadway doubled up an Israelite with the handle of hoe, remarking at the same time "You—jew! you kill Melchian man's Joss."

A BOSTON dispatch to the *Chicago Tribune*, dated September 5th, furnishes the following interesting gossip: Some tightly bottled wrath which the officers of the *Talapoosa* have for some weeks left hidden, is beginning to find an occasional vent, and some very funny stories are breaking out about the incidents of the great free excursion. The naval officers of the country attached to this noble craft have had new duties assigned them which, if longer required, will doubtless lead to the tender of a number of resignations. Considerable curiosity was expressed to-day at the audacious and submissive attention paid to the wants of Mrs. Chandler, the wife of the Secretary, by the full-armed officer accompanying her at the exhibition. Some one who asked another of the *Talapoosa*'s crew what it meant, received in reply that the men had given a proportion of one in every 85 marriages. Of these, ninety-six cases came before the Court for hearing, the remainder being left over for decision till next session. In sixty-eight cases decree of divorce was given, or one for every 390 couples who marry. In five cases divorce was refused, two others were withdrawn, and seven were continued. In ten cases the applications for separation were granted, and the remainder were otherwise disposed of. Of the actions for divorce, fifty-one were raised by husbands against wives, and forty-three by wives against husbands. In the ten years from 1870 to 1879, inclusive, there were 473 divorces and 252,830 marriages. These figures give an average of a little over forty-seven divorces yearly, or one for every 535 marriages. The number during the year just closed, show that actions for divorce are becoming more frequent.

SAYS THE SYDNEY *Bulletin*:—A prominent citizen has lately joined the Blue Ribbon Army, and he wears its emblem conspicuously in his sinister button-hole. The natural result of such an operation has manifested itself only too quickly.

His associates, with despises, water, and sedulously cultivates an abnormal appetite for fermented liquors. But, though on the whole, the remonstrance of friends have been successfully resisted, and a state of chronic semi-inebriety, happily attained, a lurking dread has embittered the merriest cup. Our friend with an enlarged experience, with childish ignorances dispelled, with the Eternal Verdict standing by trying to stand right by his elbow, feels a shadow looming in front—a gray phantom—an unpleasant companion, a restless agitator. D. T. in fact, otherwise known as Jim-jams. Coming home not long ago, after an extra convivial evening, he waded upstairs, unsteadily opened the bedroom door, and was able to divine intuitively, rather than distinguish intelligently, that the gas-light was turned down very low, and that the shades of his couch, and of his joys and sorrows, but not of his Jim-jams, was between the sheets. So far, then, he had grasped his companion. Suddenly our friend, fat something slippery and wriggly under foot, He looked down. His long-abiding fear had at last assumed tangible shape. He saw it. He felt it. He scolded it, a number 14 boot round, on the carpet, but the allay thing twisted itself about the upper and threatened to embrace his ankle. There could be no mistake! He heard the gurgling noise which marks the properly developed serpent. "Maria! Maria!" he roared. "I've got 'em at last! I've got 'em at last!" Maria, woken, lay up in bed and gazed reproachfully at the liquid bacchanal. "I've got 'em, Maria!" my dear. "I've got 'em at last!" "What have you got?" quoth Maria, beginning to feel alarmed. "Snake! Snake! Steel! See! Get up and smash 'em, See!" Maria arose, considerably undressed, and found the bedroom poker. Then she advanced. "Now, what is it?" "Oh, Maria, I've got 'em!" She dashed snakes. Maria came near, trembling. "Hit 'em, Maria! Smash 'em, Maria! Break his back, Maria!" "Why, you fool!" roared Maria, after a moment's inspection, "you're treading on the tube of baby's feeding-bottle!" And so he was.

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Hongkong, 1st September, 1883. [340]

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